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MUTUAL COOPERATION IN SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether India and Iran have signed an agreement for mutual cooperation in the field of science and technology ; and

(b) If so, the details alongwith salient features thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. An Inter-Governmental Agreement on cooperation in the fields of science and technology between Government of Republic of India and The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran was signed in New Delhi on January 25, 2003.

Salient features of the Agreement are :

1. Setting up of a Joint Committee for determining the areas of mutual cooperation and formulation of Programme of Cooperation on regular basis.

2. Conclusion of subsidiary agreements between the respective organizations, enterprises and institutions relating to science and technology.

3. Development of cooperation in mutually agreed upon areas such as :

i) Information and Communication Technology ;
ii) Biotechnology ;
iii) Pharmaceutical Research; iv) Food Technology, to name a few.

4. Envisages cooperation through, among others, visits and exchange of experts, holding scientific and technological Workshops, implementation of Joint Projects, training, exchange of experiences in regard to S&Tinfrastructure, women entrepreneurship and technology in rural areas.

5. Responsibility of implementing this Agreement rests with the Ministry of Science & Technology of the Government of Republic of India and the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology of Government of Islamic Republic of Iran.